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Minutes of the meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held as a Teams Live Events remote meeting on Tuesday, 15 December 2020 at 3.30 pm

Present:

Chairman: Councillor P D Jull

Councillors: T A Bond
P M Brivio
K Mills
C A Vinson

Officers: Head of Governance
Governance Officer
Democratic Services Manager
Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members present.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

4 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2020 were approved as a correct record for signing by the Chairman.

5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME 2014

The Head of Governance presented the report on the Local Government Pension Scheme 2014.

Members were advised that a new Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 (LGPS) was introduced on 1 April 2014 which required that all scheme employers review their existing pension discretion policy statements and publish new statements in line with the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013, which was approved by the General Purposes Committee in 2014 with a revision approved in 2018.

The latest review incorporated the option for the Council to offer Shared Cost Additional Voluntary Contributions (SCAVCs) to staff and changed references and delegations from the Director of Governance to the Head of Governance.

RESOLVED: (a) That the revised Pension Discretion Policy Statement as set out at Appendix 1 be approved.

- (b) That the Head of Governance to authorised make any necessary minor changes to the Pensions Discretion Policy Statement.

6 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor C A Vinson, duly seconded by Councillor P D Jull and

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remainder of the business on the grounds that the items to be considered involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

7 INFORMATION SECURITY, RISK AND GOVERNANCE POLICY REVIEW 2020

The Head of Governance presented the Information Security, Risk and Governance Policy Review 2020 report.

RESOLVED: (a) That the revised suite of Information Governance Policies set out in Appendix 1 be approved for implementation from 1 January 2021.

- (b) That authority be delegated to the Head of Governance to make any future minor changes or amendments to policies providing that these changes do not change the substance of any of the policies.

The meeting ended at 4.05 pm.